THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI). (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The matter is under consideration.

Role of Employees' Association suggested by KVS Review Committee

*393. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
DR. NAGEN SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of suggestion/views, expresed by KVS Review Committee about the role of employees' associations in Kendiray Vidyalaya Sangathan; and

(b) what is Sangathan's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The Review Commitee has not made any recommendation in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

Declining attraction of Sanchi as a Tourist Spot

*394. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sanchi a famous tourist spot has been losing attraction gradually particularly among the foreign tourists visiting the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have gone into the reasons behind the decline in the number of tourists to the famous Buddhist Stupa, if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the names of the authorities responsible for the development of the area, the areas of their responsibilities and to what extent each of them has fulfilled its task; and

(d) what steps are contemplated by the Government to ensure that this famous Stupa does not lose tourists attraction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) There has been a steady increase in the total number of tourists visiting Sanchi during the last three years. However, there was some decline in foreign tourist traffic to the centre primarily due to lack of suitable accommodation facilities.

(c) The agency responsible for maintenance of monuments is the Archaeological Survey of India. However, the State Government is mainly responsible for providing tourism infrastructure like roads, civic amenities and other facilities. The Central Department of Tourism also provides assistance to the State Government for undertaking developmental work. The agencies concerned have fulfilled their tasks within the limitation of resources and other priorities.

(d) The steps contemplated by the Government for developing tourist attraction include upgradation of accommodation facilities, surfacing and widening of roads, introduction of tourist transport facilities at Sanchi, creating toilet and drinking water facilities near the Stupa Complex are